

**Email From: Jim and Cecilia McCord**

**Subject:** Extend Comment Period

Dear Sir or Madame,

I just learned that proposed rules / ammendments to the national list of allowed and prohibited substances under the National Organic Rule have been published and that there is a 10-day comment period; with the clock ticking beginning on May 22. This small amount of time to comment is unfair to the average hard-working organic farmer, who is right now in the midst of the 2003 growing season. We urge you to extend the comment period to at least 30 days or more, to provide interested people with sufficient time to review the proposed rules and compile comments.

Thanks for your consideration,  
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